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SETTLE THE QUESTION

The question of the transfer of the west side lots should be settled without further delay. Mr. McNicoll, in an interview published in the Telegraph, points out that the C. P. R. will need the shore lots in question for the development of future business, and that a very large expenditure will be necessary to provide the necessary equipment.

"We do not want that west side strip for today," said Mr. McNicoll, "nor for tomorrow, but we believe it will be a valuable asset in the development of a business the limits of which we cannot yet view."

He adds that he has always held the opinion that St. John will become a great port, if the people themselves do not retard its development. The property in question can only be used for such a purpose as that to which his company proposes it shall be devoted. Is there any other company at all likely to require it? Certainly not the Grand Trunk Pacific, which has its own terminals at Courtenay Bay, MacKenzie and Mann, of the Canadian Northern, have manifested no interest whatever in the question, though fully aware of the negotiations between the city and the C. P. R. This disposes of the argument that some other railway may seek to erect terminals at that side of the harbor.

It must be remembered that the city owes to the co-operation of the C. P. R. the winter port development that has already taken place. The trade is still in its infancy. The future will see an immense growth. The C. P. R. on the west side and the Grand Trunk Pacific at Courtenay Bay will bring an enormous traffic to this port. It is idle to talk about the possibility of either transferring its business to Halifax or any other port. Both of these great lines will do business at Halifax as well as at St. John, but this port has the location and the shorter haul, and has nothing to fear from the competition of any other port. There has been a great development here in the last ten years. With the federal government assuming the task of providing wharves on the west side and the Grand Trunk Pacific nearing completion, there must be a far greater growth in the next decade. It is time the aldermen and all citizens put aside the doubts of former years and assumed a confident attitude with regard to the future of this port. They are offered what other ports would be glad to get. Who is willing to be set down as a citizen opposed to the development of the city?

THE FOREIGN DICTIONAR

To what extent should labor leaders in the United States be permitted to interfere in the matter of industrial disputes in Canada? The question was raised during the Nova Scotia coal strike, which proved a disastrous failure; and it is raised again in connection with the strike in the building trades in Montreal. What is called the International Union of Bricklayers, Stonemasons and Plasterers, has promised, through a fourth vice-president, Mr. Thomas Izzard, to "see the fight through to a finish," and to contribute "the strike funds." The Montreal Witness states the case thus:—

"The dues of the Canadian unions go to the United States, and if a strike is in progress there, they pay their share for its support. They cannot strike without permission from 'headquarters,' and they must submit to the rules and regulations as laid down by 'headquarters,' or they are thrown out. We are further assured that if the conditions under which they work do not suit 'headquarters,' or to facilitate the winning of a strike elsewhere, it matters not how well they may be satisfied, they must, when ordered, strike."

The Witness adds, that "the practical fact seems to be that the control of Canadian labor has passed into the hands of United States labor officials, which is curious, and also menacing to our prosperity and national independence."

It has been suggested as one solution of the difficulty that United States agitators who enter Canada to foment trouble be reported. But that would not overcome the parent desire of Canadian labor unions to be affiliated and work in conjunction with those south of the border. The question is one that presents great difficulties, and Canadian unions are willing to sacrifice

their national independence there does not seem to be any workable plan to prevent their doing so. It is nevertheless an ink-some foreign dictation in local affairs.

AUTONOMY AND CANADA

Conservative papers continue to sneer at the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in regard to Canadian autonomy and the control of the navy. The Toronto Mail and Empire draws an imaginary picture of the mother country involved in sudden war and her fleet actively engaged, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier is trying to find out whether the war ought to be carried on and what Canada should do about it. This is mere folly. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has distinctly said that when the empire is at war Canada is at war. His views of autonomy are sound. Mr. Borden has criticised them for political reasons, but has failed to convince the people. The Weekly Sun, of Toronto, states the case admirably in reply to the opposition leader. It says:

"Mr. Borden, as we understand him, will at the next election ask for a popular declaration that in all matters of war Canada shall abandon all pretensions to autonomy, and he would have us, of course, adopt the principle of taxation without representation. If Mr. Borden asked for this declaration on condition that an Imperial Parliament be established in which Canadian representatives would sit, he would put Imperial Federation squarely in issue, and his plan, however chimerical, would not assault, as it does, the unchangeable devotion of Englishmen to self-government. That Englishmen transplanted to Canada have not weakened in their devotion is proved by our history. For greater self-government Canadians have been pressing, sometimes angrily and always sternly from the beginning of their political life. Does Mr. Borden think that he can flout our political past and throw down such political idols as William Lyon Mackenzie, Baldwin, Howe, Sir John A. Macdonald and Blake, or that in the long run he can escape the fate of George the Third and Lord North?"

Toronto has seven supervised playgrounds and two vacation classes open this year during the summer holidays.

The next imperial conference will be held in 1911. The first was held in London thirteen years ago, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be the only premier present next year who will have attended them all.

Inmates of Homes for Incurables will be comforted to know that Miss Sarah Sanford, an in-patient of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, is 84 years of age, and has been in the institution for fifty-two years. Miss Sanford is still able to do a little knitting daily.

The Toronto Telegram finds consolation in the fact that "the world that awaited news of the battle which Johnsen and Jeffries fought for their own profit is a good deal healthier and happier place to live in than the world that awaited news of the battles which whole peoples had to fight for the benefit of Napoleon Bonaparte."

If Jeffries had defeated the black man at Reno the agitation against the exhibition of moving pictures of the fight would not have assumed such large proportions. Race prejudice is stronger than mere moral considerations, though the latter are conveniently invoked. Civilization has something to be thankful for, in the outcome of this brutal contest.

Sixteen graduates of the University of New Brunswick met in Vancouver recently and formed an association. This province is well represented on the Pacific coast, for there are doubtless quite a number of graduates of Mount Allison and Acadia also to be found there, as well as many bright New Brunswick men who did not take a college course.

On June 26 the New York Sun printed a letter received by mail from London, dated June 15. On June 27 the Toronto Mail and Empire printed the same letter, as a "special cable to the Mail and Empire over our own leased wires." The Toronto Telegram, which stands by the Canadian Associated Press service from London, is slightly sarcastic in its reference to the "enterprise" of the Mail and Empire.

The Halifax Chronicle, noting the fact that Mr. Borden at his last meeting in Ontario made no reference to the attack of Mr. Johnson on Mr. Foster at Trenton, adds:—"In fact, it is notable that throughout the entire tour no reference whatever has been made to Hon. George E. Foster, nor has the latter's name been even mentioned from any of the platforms. As Mr. Foster is rusticated in New Brunswick, what will Mr. Borden do when he strikes that Province?"

The Ottawa Journal makes this amusing comment on the Manitoba campaign: "Manitoba certainly takes her politics seriously. Because of the provincial election of next week libel suits are flying, affidavits are as common as bullets in a battle, friendships of years are severed, men usually of calm speech and balanced judgment are using language and making charges that to the onlooker a state of anarchy and treason would justify."

fact, the attitude of Manitoba to an election is much akin to that of the little girl who, while about to take a holiday, prayed: "Good bye, love, for two weeks, we're going to the seaside tomorrow!"

How Long, O Lord?

(This was one of the songs or hymns written by the corn law rhymers, Ebenezer Elliott, about 1840 as part of the campaign of agitation against the historic corn laws of Great Britain, which, beginning with 1838, levied such revenues and laid out such restrictions on the commerce in wheat that the poor were made to suffer severely. Elliott was born at Mashborough, Yorkshire, England, March 17, 1781; he died at Lutterworth, Dec. 1, 1840. This song has recently come into quite general use again as a hymn in the churches and has been used to rival the familiar "America" as a popular hymn.)

When wilt thou save the people,
O God of mercy, when?
Not kings and lords, nor nations,
Flowers of Thy heart, O God, are they;
Let them not pass like weeds away—
Their heritage a sunless day!

God save the people!
Shall crime bring crime for ever,
Strength aiding still the strong?
Is it Thy will, O Father,
That man shall toil for wrong?
"No," say Thy mountains, "No," Thy
skies!

Man's clouded sun shall brightly rise,
God save the people!
When wilt Thou save the people,
O God of mercy, when?

The people, Lord, the people,
Not kings and lords, nor men!
God save the people; Thine they are,
Thy children as Thine angels fair;
From crime, oppression and despair,
God save the people!

IN LIGHTER VEIN

GETTING RIGHT.
(Birmingham Age-Herald.)
"You seem to be popular here."
"Shall I tell you how we hear about Fido's health?"

IMPOSSIBLE.

(Detroit Free Press.)
"They're very formal people." "Very." "They actually try to maintain table manners at their summer cottage."

SEEKING ITS TRUE LEVEL.

(Washington Herald.)
"The theme failed, as a bomb, and now it fails as a play. Yet the central idea is good."

"Quite right. I think you could boil it down into an anecdote and get \$10 for it."

A TIMELY TIP.

(Lippincott's.)
Little Brother (who has just been given some candy)—"If I went you shouldn't take water yachting this afternoon."

Ardent Suitor—"Why do you say that, Tommy?"

"Well, I heard her tell mother this morning that she feared she'd have to throw you over."

HOW TO TEND THE DATE.

A way of deciding dates of certain important events is suggested by the following anecdote. The president of an ex-graduate were disputing as to the date of their last letter to their "hopeful," from whom, somewhat later, they had heard for the first time.

"Are you sure, Thomas," asked the mother, "that you wrote to Dick?"

"Absolutely," was the father's decisive response. "I looked it up in my check-book this morning."

THE FAULT OF THE PEOPLE.

(St. Louis Globe.)
Ex-Governor Peck of Missouri, at the Missouri Society's dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria, said of corruption:—

"The existence of corruption is the fault of the people. The populace, instead of making a real effort and ridding itself of corruption once for all, wiggles uneasily and does nothing."

In fact the populace adopts the dangerous laissez-faire policy of the boy with the stomach ache.

"You mustn't go swimming today," this boy's father said. "You've got stomach ache you know."

"Oh, that'll be all right, father, said the boy. "I'll swim 'my back'!"

Faith Healing

(Montreal Witness.)

Recently the editor of the British Medical Journal invited some of those who as a result of profound study, should be able to speak with authority upon the subject of faith healing, to write for him an article on the subject. The editor, who is a man of science, and whose interest in the subject is not at all prejudiced, has received a number of replies. One of the most interesting is that of a man who, in the course of his medical career, has seen much of the curative effects of faith made operative either by the personality of the physician or by the attractions of a new gospel. "A new Epicureanism which promises to free the soul and body from fear, care, and unrest," he says, however, as say the other writers, that he has not met any cases permanently cured by Christian Science. All the authorities seem to agree more or less with Sir Henry Morris, who declares that Christian Science is as a snare and a pitfall to a refuge, and a haven of security.

Oatmeal and Stature

(London Telegraph.)
Archdeacon Sinclair was the guest of Mr. Burdett-Coutts, M. P., on Wednesday night at a display of gymnastics given by members of the Shoreditch Working Lads' Club which was founded by the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts. In congratulating the members the Archdeacon said: "I go through many of your exercises myself even to the present day, and as a Scotsman I should like to recommend what I consider one of the best preparations for them, namely, good old Scotch oatmeal. I had four brothers, all six feet high, and my father had fourteen brothers and sisters ranging from six feet to six feet eight inches—all brought up on Scotch oatmeal porridge."

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Curious Ancient Perquisites Given Up by George V.—Hereditary Crown Incomes

The king's message to parliament asking that renewed provision be made for the civil list announces that "his majesty places unreservedly at the disposal of the house those hereditary revenues of the crown which were so placed by his predecessors. The fixing of the civil list is almost wholly a commercial transaction. In consideration of the sum voted by parliament the king forgoes a thousand and one perquisites."

The ancient privileges of the crown will be surrendered during the king's reign or rather will be allowed to remain in abeyance so long as the civil list is sanctioned; but while they are merged in the national income in accordance with a mutual arrangement by which the sovereign receives a definite amount from the state annually, it is beyond dispute that the statute by which the compact is arranged confines the surrender of rights to the lifetime of the monarch. Hence if the king preferred the casual and uncertain process of replenishing the crown coffers by means of his royal prerogatives instead of troubling parliament, he could constitutionally command the exercise of numerous ancient customs for the purpose of supplying his financial needs.

There is, for instance, the ancient right of the king to all gold and silver mines not only on his own land, but also upon any lands belonging to his subjects within his dominions. As the British empire last year produced about \$400,000,000 in gold and silver, the exercise of this ancient right alone certainly suffice.

Another right which a sovereign in quest of funds might make operative is that which applies to the appropriation of "waste and strays." Waste in strictly legal definition, means, "such stolen goods as are thrown away by the thief in his flight for fear of being apprehended."

These "are due to the king as a punishment upon the holder for not himself pursuing the felon and taking the goods away from him. Wherefore if a person, being robbed, is diligent and immediately follows and brings the thief (which is called fresh suit), or do prosecute him to conviction, he shall have his goods again. Also if the person robbed can relate the goods before they are seized for the crown, if at a distance of twenty years, the crown shall not have them."

The sale of estrays is said to have been a profitable perquisite at one time. "Estrays mean all kinds of animals, except dogs, cats, bears and wolves, which may be found wandering on the king's highway. Such estrays must be proclaimed in a church and in two market towns close adjoining the place where they were found, and then if they have no claimants they become the property of the king or his grantee at the end of a year and a day."

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